

**Early Year Report to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Joint
Hurricane Testbed Program**

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Atlantic and Northeastern and Northwestern Pacific Basins**

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In the previous Report, I stated:

The PI, James Franklin, James Gross and Colin McAdie held a meeting in March at the Interdepartmental Hurricane Conference in Charleston, SC, to plan a strategy for approving a new version of CLIPER for the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific basins. We agreed that NHC would try to replicate the original Neumann version of CLIPER as closely as possible given known constraints before proceeding, and that I would help with the process by providing information, regression analyses, and dependent datasets when requested. The PI and Colin McAdie have exchanged a series of e-mail messages since that time. However, Colin McAdie has not been able to work on this problem. Until Colin McAdie is able to work on this, I am unable to proceed on producing a CLIPER that is agreeable to TPC.

Since that time, I contacted Colin McAdie on 13 July, 20 September, 01 October, 18 October, and 01 November. At each instance, I got either no response, or a response that he is working on this. I reiterate that until Colin McAdie is able to work on this, I am unable to proceed on producing a CLIPER that is agreeable to TPC.